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## **Scottsbluff Employees Recognized as DHHS Employees and Supervisors of the Year; October is Nebraska State Employee Recognition Month**

**Lincoln**— Two Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employees from Scottsbluff were recently recognized as employees and supervisors of the year.

Leona Groskopf, an accounting clerk at the Western Nebraska Veterans' Home (WNVH), and Denise Brill, a social services supervisor, were recognized as an employee and supervisor of the year, respectively.

October is Nebraska State Employee Recognition Month. State agencies are allowed to select one employee and one supervisor of the year for every 500 people employed by the agency.

The employees will be honored Tuesday, Oct. 28, with a reception at the Capitol Rotunda, a reception at the Governor's Residence and a DHHS recognition at the Embassy Suites.

"It is a true honor when someone is nominated by their peers for this recognition," said Kerry Winterer, DHHS CEO. "These employees and supervisors are clearly an inspiration to the people they work with and the people they serve. They are role models for all of us."

Brill works at DHHS' Division of Children and Families customer service center. She was nominated by her coworkers for her "high standards of integrity," and "positive, non-judgmental attitude." They said she is a "leader, inspirer, motivator and friend."

Groskopf was nominated by her coworkers for her "willingness to help others, supportive nature toward her team and her ability to keep a positive attitude every day." They said she is "truly an asset to our facility and deserves to be recognized for her dedication, strong work ethics and positive attitude."

WNVH is one of four Veterans' Homes run by DHHS' Division of Veterans' Homes.

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